

What is claimed is:

1. A method for classifying image data sets, to which date data that represents the date of photography are attached, comprising the steps of:

5 obtaining the date data from the image data sets;

selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from a database of events, in which events that relate to each of a plurality of people are stored; correlated with dates of the events; and

10 correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event.

2. A method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

15 the image data sets are correlated with the corresponding event by describing the corresponding event in the tag information of the image data sets.

3. A method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

20 the image data sets are correlated with the corresponding event by saving the image data sets in folders corresponding to the corresponding event.

4. A method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

25 selection of a single database from among a plurality of databases is received in the case that a plurality of databases exist; and

the corresponding event is selected from events stored in the selected database.

5. A method for classifying image data sets as defined in claim 1, wherein:

5 a plurality of corresponding events are displayed in the case that a plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related to the plurality of people;

selection of a single corresponding event from among the  
10 plurality of corresponding events is received; and

the image data sets are correlated with the selected corresponding event.

6. An image classifying apparatus for classifying image data sets to which date data that represents the date of  
15 photography are attached, comprising:

a data obtaining means for obtaining the date data from the image data sets;

a storage means for storing a database of events, in which event that relate to each of a plurality of people are  
20 correlated with dates of the events;

a selecting means for selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from the database, based on the date of photography represented by the date data; and

a correlating means for correlating the image data sets  
25 with the corresponding event selected by the selecting means.

7. An image classifying apparatus as defined in claim

6, wherein:

the correlating means correlates the image data sets with the corresponding event by describing the corresponding event in the tag information of the image data sets.

5        8. An image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein:

the correlating means correlates the image data sets with the corresponding event by saving the image data sets in folders corresponding to the corresponding event.

10       9. An image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

a database selecting means for selecting a single database from among a plurality of databases in the case that a plurality of databases exist; wherein

15       the selecting means selects the corresponding event from among events stored in the selected database.

10. An image classifying apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

20       a display means for displaying a plurality of corresponding events in the case that a plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related to the plurality of people; and

a selection receiving means for receiving selection of a single corresponding event from among the plurality of  
25       corresponding events; wherein

the correlating means correlates the image data sets with

the selected corresponding event.

11. A program that causes a computer to execute a method for classifying image data sets, to which date data that represents the date of photography are attached, comprising  
5 the procedures of:

obtaining the date data from the image data sets;

selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from a database of events, in which events that relate to each of a plurality of people are stored, correlated  
10 with dates of the events; and

correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event.

12. A program as defined in claim 11, wherein:

the procedure for correlating the image data sets with  
15 the corresponding event describes the corresponding event in the tag information of the image data sets.

13. A program as defined in claim 11, wherein:

the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event saves the image data sets in folders  
20 corresponding to the corresponding event.

14. A program as defined in claim 11, further comprising:

a database selecting procedure for selecting a single database from among a plurality of databases in the case that  
25 a plurality of databases exist; wherein

the selecting means selects the corresponding event from

among events stored in the selected database.

15. A program as defined in claim 11, further comprising:

5 a display procedure for displaying a plurality of corresponding events in the case that a plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related to the plurality of people; and

a selection receiving procedure for receiving selection of a single corresponding event from among the plurality of  
10 corresponding events; wherein

the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event correlates the image data sets with the selected corresponding event.

16. A computer readable recording medium having  
15 recorded therein a program that causes a computer to execute a method for classifying image data sets, to which date data that represents the date of photography are attached, the program comprising the procedures of:

obtaining the date data from the image data sets;  
20 selecting an event corresponding to the date of photography from a database of events, in which events that relate to each of a plurality of people are stored, correlated with dates of the events; and

correlating the image data sets with the corresponding  
25 event.

17. A recording medium as defined in claim 11, wherein:

the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event describes the corresponding event in the tag information of the image data sets.

18. A recording medium as defined in claim 11, wherein:

5 the procedure for correlating the image data sets with the corresponding event saves the image data sets in folders corresponding to the corresponding event.

19. A recording medium as defined in claim 11, wherein the program recorded therein further comprises:

10 a database selecting procedure for selecting a single database from among a plurality of databases in the case that a plurality of databases exist; wherein

the selecting means selects the corresponding event from among events stored in the selected database.

15 20. A recording medium as defined in claim 11, wherein the program recorded therein further comprises:

a display procedure for displaying a plurality of corresponding events in the case that a plurality of corresponding events, correlated with dates represented by the date data, are related to the plurality of people; and

20 a selection receiving procedure for receiving selection of a single corresponding event from among the plurality of corresponding events; wherein

the procedure for correlating the image data sets with  
25 the corresponding event correlates the image data sets with the selected corresponding event.